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Yoshiki Okayama

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For: GAS DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING,
MOTOR HAVING THE GAS DYNAMIC
PRESSURE BEARING, AND DISK DRIVE
HAVING THE MOTOR

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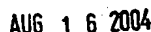
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